

CITY GOVERNMENT.

Board of Councilmen.

SESSIONS, Thursday, April 19, 1866.—2 o'clock p.m.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, in their Chamber, No. 17 City Hall.

President, Wilson Green, esq., President, in the chair, and the following members:

Councilman Keenan, Steeves, Flynn, Robinson, O'Brien, Costello, Hartigan, Brinkman, Koster, Watt, Keoch, White, Mackay, Tyng, Tully, Hayes, Roberts, Fallon, McDevitt and Imley—22.

The President, being absent at roll-call,

Councilman O'BRIEN moved that Councilman Stacom take the chair.

Which was carried.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected and approved.

While the minutes were being read, the President, appeared and took the chair.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Councilman ROBINSON.—

A Resolution was published in the newspapers of this city, signed by one or more of the officers of the Second Avenue Railroad Company, to the effect that the said company are willing to surrender or give up their franchise, and other franchises, now held, or which may hereafter be held, in this city, from Folsom, up to Harsen; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Whereas, in the opinion of the Common Council, the offer should be immediately accepted by the city authorities, and that the franchise shall be made by the city for the expense of its construction.

Whereas, it is not only expedient but very desirable that the city of New York should test the practicability of managing the rail road, by itself, under the privilege of a franchise, and the administration of the same be托付于 the public subject to the control and direction of some qualified city official, acting on behalf of the corporate authorities, and to have the same, with all its franchises, rights, privileges, benefits and advantages of running this road by the city, in comparison with the roads managed by private corporations; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Councilmen do hereby authorise and direct, that the proposition of the Second Avenue Railroad Company, indicated above, to amount to be paid thereto, to be submitted to arbitration in the event of a difference between the parties, and that the result be reported immediately to the Common Council, in order that the necessary steps may be taken to inaugurate the work of managing the said road by the city, by means of a franchise, and to run cars on the tracks, under the direction of the proper officials of the city.

Whereas, the same was being read,

Councilman PEELMAN moved that the reading thereof be suspended.

The reading having been concluded,

Councilman PEELMAN moved that said paper be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Which was done.

The preamble and resolution were then adopted by the vote of the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of New York, on Friday, April 19, 1866.

ARTICLE VI.—OF THE BUREAU OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of New York, do enact, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed to remove the rails laid in Fifteenth street, west of Park Row, and to lay them down in the same place.

Councilman KEENAN moved that said resolution be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

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